

REMARKS: STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

The invention as claimed is an acetabular prosthesis for cement implantation that provides a buttress portion for containing or securing a mass of cement, as well as a liner that registers with the cup body. First, the claims as issued recite a buttress as the cement containing or securing portion. However, the disclosure does not limit this function only to a buttress. Instead, the portion could be any type of member that reinforces or contains cement in the cup or that maintains the liner in position, such as a containing portion, a securing member surface, a support lip, a slight ridge, or any other device that acts to contain cement and secure the liner in place. Particularly, the specification discloses the purpose of the buttress as helping to "secure a mass of cement in between the cup body and the polymeric liner" and that it "can be used to contain bone cement in a mass to aid in holding the polyethylene ("all poly") liner in position." See col. 2, lines 63-65; col. 5, lines 1-5, respectively.

Accordingly, support for the newly presented claims appears in at least Figures 5-7 and 12-15, and in the specification at least at column 2, line 20 - column 3, line 6 and at column 5, lines 1-7. Accordingly, the additional claims have been added because the patentees literally claimed less than they had a right to claim, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 251.

Applicants have made no changes to the specification or to the drawings contained in the original patent. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-76 will be pending in this Application.

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the specification:

Kindly amend the title as follows:

--Acetabular Ring Prosthesis With Reinforcement [Buttress] Member--

In the claims:

The changes include submitting newly presented claims 47-76, as written above.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that these amendments appropriately define the claimed subject matter and respectfully requests re-issuance of claims 1-76.

Respectfully submitted,

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